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## **WATER LOSSES POLICY**

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### **Scope**

A municipality buys water from a supplier such as the city of Cape Town. In the distribution process of this water, losses may occur.

### **Objective**

The objective of the municipality must be to minimize these losses that occur to a minimum, as these losses can have a use financial impact as the municipality have to pay for water that cannot be billed to consumers

### **Types of Losses**

The most common losses the Municipality have face are"

Unmetered fire water connections at factories.

Open spaces and sport fields that is unmetered.

Undetected underground water leaks.

Pipe bursts.

### **Control and Monitoring**

The municipality must have the intention to keep the losses of water to below a certain percentage of the total water purchased from the City of Cape Town.

To keep the losses to a minimum the metering of water must be monitored sufficiently. The billing system must be used to detect possible cases of illegal connections.

If theft is detected the water supply to the premises will be disconnected and a fine will be given.

### **Reporting**

The total losses that a municipality may incur for water must be made public in the annual financial statements of the municipality .